



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Overview of FTA Grant Programs

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Overview

- One of several U.S. DOT agencies
- Primary federal funding source for public transportation
- HQ/ten regional offices ~550 employees
- ~\$9-\$10 billion in grants obligated annually

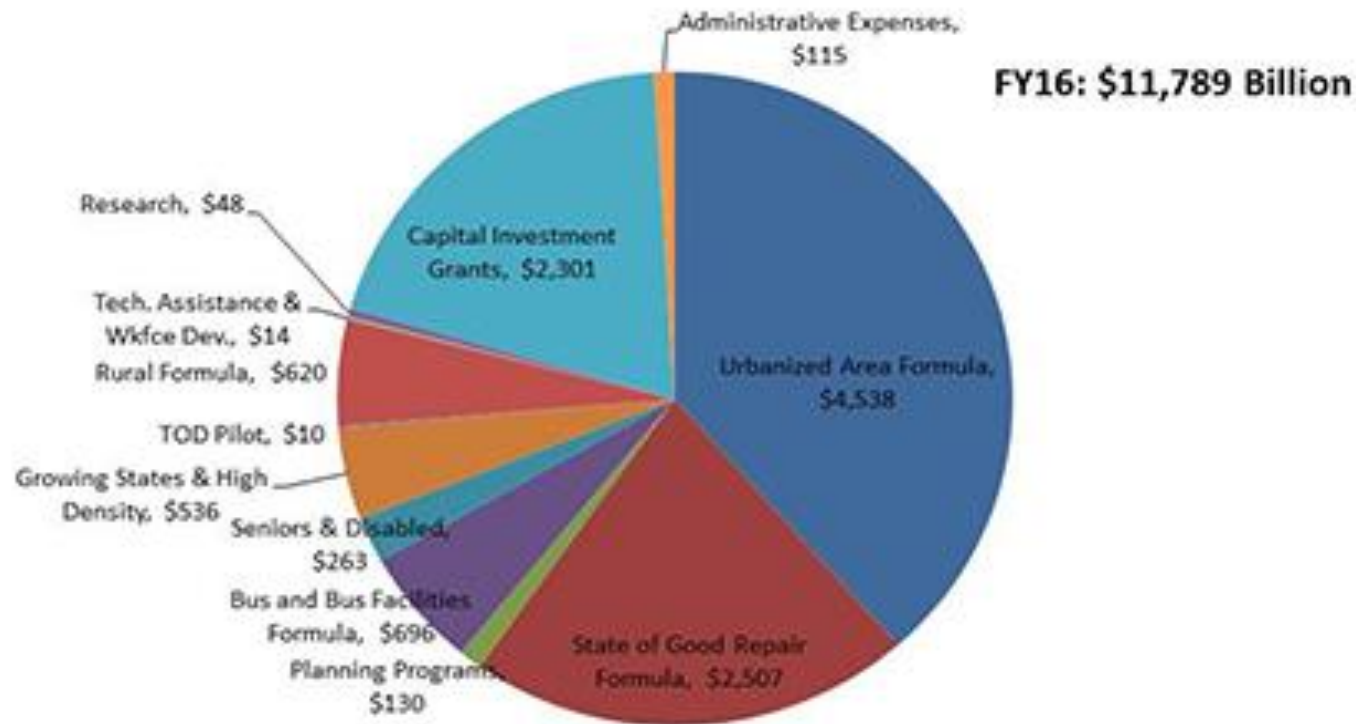
Region 5-Chicago

- Planning and Program Development
 - FHWA/FTA oversee state/metropolitan transportation planning process
 - Planning Partners: State DOTs, MPOs (& member local govts.), transit operators
 - Transit Grants: Operating assistance, capital improvements, planning
- Program Management Oversight – Monitor grantees use of funds

<https://www.transportation.gov/leadershipacademy>

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act Amended 49 U.S.C. 53 – Public Transportation

FAST Act Authorized Funding



Planning

Section 5303/5304 Metropolitan and Statewide Planning

- \$130 million apportioned in FY2016
- Eligible Recipients
 - States / Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)(CMAP)
 - Sub-recipients: Local Governments
- Eligible Activities
 - Development of Required State/MPO Planning Documents: Transportation Improvement Program, Long Range Transportation Plan, Unified Planning Work Program
 - Corridor Studies, Transportation Plans, Origin/Destination Surveys
 - Comprehensive Plans (land use plans) with transportation components
 - Project Environmental Reviews

Transit Oriented Development (Discretionary Pilot)

- \$10 million allocated in FY2016
- Eligible Recipients – Grantees seeking Capital Investment Grant funding
- Coordinate land use and transit

Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program

- Funds apportioned by UZA; \$4.538 billion in FY2016
- Core public transportation investment program in urban areas
- Designated recipients per state governors
- Sub-allocate to local authorities as necessary
- Capital (80% federal)
 - Transit Stations, maintenance facilities, vehicles, paratransit service
 - Equipment, preventive maintenance, telecommunications, security
- Transit Enhancements (80% federal)
 - Bus shelters, benches, signage, landscaping
 - Sidewalks within 1/2 mile of transit stops; Bike paths within 3 miles of transit stops
- Operating Assistance (50% federal)
 - Fixed routes
 - Demand response
- Planning (80% federal)
 - Corridor studies, alternatives analyses, surveys;
 - Environmental reviews, asset management/safety plans

Section 5311 Rural Areas Formula Program

- Funds apportioned by State; \$620 million in FY2016
- Core public transportation investment program in non-urban areas
- Designated Recipients – State DOTs/Tribes
- Sub-allocate to local authorities as necessary
- Same general project eligibility as Section 5307
- Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)
- Intercity Bus
- Public Transportation on Indian Reservations
 - \$30 million formula
 - \$5 million discretionary

Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities

- Formula funds allocated by UZA; \$428 million in FY2016
- Discretionary funds apportioned; \$268 million in FY2016
- Public transportation capital projects
- 80% federal share
- Designated recipients per state governors
- Operators agree on funding split
- Capital
 - Transit Stations, maintenance facilities, vehicles
 - Equipment, telecommunications, security



Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities

- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - Assures equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self sufficiency of individuals with disabilities.
- Funding targets special needs of transit dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation and ADA complementary paratransit services.
- \$261 million in formula and \$2 million discretionary in FY2016
- Designated recipients per state governors
- 55% Capital; 45% Operating Assist.
- Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan
 - Identify gaps, needs, projects
 - Vehicles, equipment, facilities, mobility management, operating



Section 5337 State of Good Repair

- Formula funds apportioned by UZA; \$2.5 billion in FY2016
- Maintain fixed guideway infrastructure in urban areas
- Recipients – Operators of fixed route rail and bus rapid transit
- Grantees agree on funding split
- Replaces Fixed Guideway Modernization Program
- 80% Federal Share
- Capital
 - Transit Stations, maintenance facilities, vehicles
 - Track, roadbed, bridges, catenary wire systems

5309 Capital Investment Grant Program

- Competitive Program \$2.3 billion FY 2016
- New Starts – New/expanded fixed guideway capital investments
 - Rail; Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
 - >\$100 million CIG / >\$300 million total
- Small Starts – Same as New Starts except <\$100 million CIG / <\$300 million total
- Core Capacity – Expand ridership capability 10%+
- State and local government agencies eligible
- Process
 - Project Development/NEPA
 - Establish local funding source/amount (~20-50% or more of project cost)
 - Project added to long-range transportation plan
 - FTA approves into engineering
- Rating Criteria
 - Mobility improvements – overall and transit-dependent ridership
 - Environmental benefits – air quality improvements from reduced VMT
 - Existing/future transit-supportive land uses
 - Annualized capital/operating cost per trip
 - Economic development – Transit supportive plans/policies/demonstrated success

Section 5324 Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program

- Emergency Declared
 - President
 - Governor / DOT Secretary Concurrence
- Eligible Recipients
 - States
 - Governmental Authorities
 - Public Transportation Agencies



- Eligible Activities
 - Capital Projects
 - Operating Costs
- Funding
 - 80% Federal

Other FTA 49 U.S.C. Grant Programs

- **5312 – Public Transportation Innovation (\$28M FY16)**
 - Research, Development, Demonstration, Deployment/Evaluation
 - Low or No Emission Vehicle Component Testing
 - Transit Cooperative Research Program
- **5314 – Technical Assistance/Workforce Development (\$9M FY16)**
 - Support public transport service delivery efficiency, standards, training
 - National Transit Institute
- **5329 – Safety (\$22.7M FY16)**
 - New FTA statutory authority to ensure compliance w/transit safety provisions
 - Operators develop safety plans and performance targets
 - States w/fixed route rail receive formula grants to implement

Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)

- USDOT annual discretionary grant program 2009-2016
- Total of 421 projects and \$5.1 billion in TIGER funding
- Targets innovative highway/transit capital infrastructure projects
- Eligible Recipients: State/Local Governments
- Criteria
 - State of Good Repair – Improve condition/existing facilities
 - Economic Competitiveness – Improve efficiency/cost effectiveness/employment
 - Livability – Facilitates transport modal options (especially disadvantaged persons)
 - Environmental Sustainability – energy efficiency/reduction; avoid adverse impacts
 - Safety
 - Project Readiness - Technical/financial feasibility, NEPA/Design Completion
 - Innovation – Pricing, Technology, Congestion Management, etc.
 - Partnerships – Public, Private, Non-profits

Joint Development

- Use of FTA funds for a type of transit-oriented development (TOD) with non-transit components that have a physical or functional relation to public transportation.
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Provide for Revenue to Enhance Transit
- Activities
 - Planning/Environmental Review
 - Land Acquisition
 - Construction
- Potential Projects
 - Transit Mall
 - Renovations of Historic Transit Stations
 - Streetscaping – Sidewalks/Sidewalk Furniture/Shelters
 - Open Space
 - Integration of Daycare/Healthcare/Commercial/Retail
 - Parking

Partnership for Sustainable Communities

- DOT-HUD–EPA Collaboration Established June 2009
- Promote Efficient Design of Built Environment
 - Transportation Choices/Reduced Costs
 - Transit-Oriented Development/Walkable Neighborhoods
 - Housing Affordability/Equity
 - Quality Community Redevelopment
- Past Grant Programs
 - DOT TIGER – CTA 95th Terminal Expansion/Renovation
 - FTA Urban Circulator – CDOT Chicago Loop E/W Corridor BRT
 - Livability Bus/Bus Facilities – CTA Jeffery Corridor BRT
 - HUD Regional Planning/Implementation Grants
 - EPA Brownfields/Technical Assistance Planning Grants
- **www.sustainablecommunities.gov**

Kent Central Gateway Multi-Modal Facility

Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority

Kent, Ohio



- \$20M DOT TIGER Grant
- 10-Bus Transfer Facility
- Joint Development – Retail Shops, Office Space
- LEED Silver Certified (Solar Panels & Geothermal)
- 300 Parking Spaces – Park-n-Ride

Normal Illinois Multimodal Transportation Center



- \$22M DOT TIGER Grant
- 68,000 square foot, four story structure
- Joint Development – Food Court, Municipal offices
- LEED Silver Certified
- Amtrak, Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System, Intercity Buses, Taxis

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